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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 1999 (Office Action, Paper Number 7), Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 13 and 20 as indicated below. Please add new claim 25 as indicated below.

C¹ 1 we claim:
(Once Amended) A substantially purified polypeptide [human tumor protein] comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 [or fragments thereof].

C² 20. (Once Amended) A [pharmaceutical] composition comprising a substantially purified polypeptide as in claim 13 [human tumor protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ